A True

RELATION,

OF A

Great and Bloody Fight

Between the

English and the Moors

BEFORE

TANGIER,

AND

Of the Bravery and Heroick Exploits done by the

ENGLISH.

With an Account of the Commanders and Captains that were Ingaged, alſo the number ſlain, and thoſe taken Priſoners, with ſeveral other particulars concerning that famous Garriſon.

MAny and various have been the Warlike exploits of the Heroick Engliſh againſt the *Barbarians*, during their poſſeſſion of this famous Garriſon of *Tangiers*, ſo much renowned throughout the World, ſtanding as Commandreſs of thoſe Seas, and a protection for ſhipping to ſecure them from the Turkiſh Pirates, that ſo frequently diſturb the Trauck in the Mediteranian, but ſince the late King of *Morocco* has been inveſted, he has ſo raiſed his envy, that he has ſought always by *Force* or *Fraud* to unite it to his Dominions, but failed, the place being by nature ſtrong and almoſt impregnable, eſpecially to ſuch who keep the Maſtery at Sea, *&c.*

At which, the Moors being vexed, knowing it was impoſſible to make their Approaches above ground, reſolved to effect

it by drawing lines and working underneath the Earth, which Stratagem of War it is ſuppoſed they learned from ſeveral *French* and *Spaniſh* Mercenaries; the which they keep in pay, which practiſe before they were altogether ignorant of; ſo that having drawn their lines from the firſt breaking Earth, about half a mile more, they reached the outſide Fortification of *Charles* and *Henrietta* Forts, where under the ſhelter of Plancks and Fagots they undermined; ſo that the Governours of the ſame could eaſily hear them at work beneath them, they having before turned two great Guns upon *Henrietta* Fort, the better to favour the Pioneers, which played all night and the next day, till about ſeven in the Evening, night being come and the Enemy ſtill working hard under the Earth, it was not doubted but they would blow up the ſaid Fort before morning; whereupon they calling to the Captain then in *Charles* Fort giving him to underſtand, that the Enemy had undermined the Fort ſo far, that it was impoſſible to maintain it any longer without endangering to be Blown up, and moreover, that the Cannon had made a great Breach in their Fortifications, ſo that they expected the Enemy would enter the next morning. Upon this, notice of the eminent danger was conveyed to the Governour, who immediately calling a Council of War to conſult what meaſures ſhould be taken for the reliet of the ſaid Forts, wherein was held impoſſible to ſave them from being taken, by reaſon the Moors were ſo far advanced; whereupon it was concluded, the beſt way becauſe the Enemy a little before had opened a way of correſpondency with the City that they ſhould take poſſeſſion of the ſaid Fort, upon condition that they would ſuffer the Soldiers and Officers to depart freely to the Town, to which the *Alcade* knowing he had the advantage, would in no wiſe conſent, only promiſing, upon quiet Surrender to grant them their Lives, and that they ſhould afterwards be put to their Ranſoms, this not being acceptable to our couragious Engliſh, on the twelfth at night Captain St. *Johns* by the help of a ſpeaking Trumpet gave the Governor to underſtand, that the Moors approached ſo faſt on the Eaſt North and South ſide of the ſaid Fort with three ſeveral Mines, that they could defend it no longer; and that their intent was to abandon it, and retreat to the Town, deſiring Aſſiſtance to favour the ſame; which being granted, they reſolved to blow up the Fort, and fight their way through the Enemies Foot, which Guarded the Trenches; this was put in execution; after having broke their Arms they uſed not, and ſpiked up all the Cannon, which were in num-

number twelve, wedging Balls into them making them useless; and then laying a Train to their Countermine, sallied out with undanted Courage and English Bravery Cuarged the Enemy in their Trenches, Captain St. *Johns* leading the Van with a party of Firelocks, and Captain *Trelawny* bringing up the Rear, beat them through their first and second Trenches with great slaughter; forcing them to retreat till all the English were got to the third Trench in the mean while 480 Men sallied out of the Town and made great slaughter of the Moors on that side 72 of my Lord *Dunbartons* Regiment commanded by Captain *Humes* being the Forlorne-hope, the main Body by Major *Boynton*, Captain *Giles*, Captain *Wingfield* and Captain *Ely*. The Reserve by Captain *Morcrife* and Captain *Barber*; two other parties were Commanded by Captain *Lisle* and Lieutenant *Clark*; these held the Enemy in play till the English got part of them out of the third Trench; the which the Moors had digged at least twelve Foot deep, so that our men were forced to help each other out; Captain St. *Johns* getting out first, faced about and fired upon the Enemy bravely, killing many of them in the Trenches, and although the shot flew thick, and himself wounded in the shoulder, yet he delayed not to succour all he could, those that were yet behind; the Enemy taking the Advantage, followed close upon them, who defended themselves with great Bravery. Ensigne *Roberts* and Lieutenant *Clause* having set Fire to the Train and blown up the Fort followed, likewise Captain *Humes* who lead the advance party, charged the Moors Horse with such courage and bravery, even in the Gap that they had made, that killing many of them, he forced the rest to give Ground, and so favouring the Retreat from the Forts received several of our Men at the Line, the Moors Horse firing thick through the Breach they had broaken in the Line of Communication, the which was not wanting to be returned in the same nature, for Captain *Humes* not only stood their Fury, but made a Valliant and brave resistance, fighting even in the mouth of slaughter, by whole example the rest were greatly encouraged, so that they killed several of the Moors in the place, but as the Captain was retreating one of the Enemies Commanders, of no small noat, charged upon him in the Rear, and unhorsed him, the which he soon recovered, but the Moor likewise falling, was killed by a Gentleman that stood next the Captain, so that he brought off his men in good order, the Moors not daring to obstruct him any more; in this Action there were about 120 English slain, fourteen taken alive

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five in the deep Trench, among the former was that worthy Gentleman Captain *Trelawny*, so much lamented by all worthy Englishmen, for his great Valliour and Loyal Conduct, and several being wounded, among whom, of note, were, Captain *Holmes*, Captain St. *Johns*, and Captain *Monroe*, Captain *Lily* and Lieftenant *Boyle*. The Moors no doubt having double the number killed and wounded; for the shot played thick upon them for a considerable time. Admiral *Herbert* the mean while lying in the Port near *Willoughby* Redoubt, gave all the Assistance he could on that side, doing considerable Execution, the Moors being thick on that side; he having several wounded in his Boats and one Mr. *Wray* killed. About three hours after the *Alcade* sent to offer Truce for burying the dead the which was performed accordingly, the 13th *Fenicia* Fort surrendred, and the Moors sprung their Mines and blew them up, on the 15th in the Evening they raised a small Battery between *Pond* and *Charls* Fort, where planting some small pieces they began to fire, on the 16 and 17 they carried on a Line betwee *Monmouth* and *York* Forts to meet as is conjectured with another on the West side of *Norwood* Redoubt; and under the shelter of the night they palizaded in a place with Earth stakes and Faggots, to place their Arms in on the Hill between *James* and *Monmouth* Redoubt. Thus the Barbarians have advanced but only upon the outworks not daring to approach near the Town, the which well mann'd is of Force sufficient to keep all those Countries in Aw, and spread the renown of English Valliour wide throughout the World.

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